



**CITY OF MORRO BAY  
RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION  
AGENDA**

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*The City of Morro Bay is dedicated to the preservation and enhancement of the quality of life.  
The City shall be committed to this purpose and will provide a level of municipal service and safety  
consistent with and responsive to the needs of the public.*

**Regular Meeting - Thursday, March 16, 2017  
Veterans Memorial Building - 6 p.m.  
209 Surf Street, Morro Bay, CA**

Chairperson Drew Sidaris

Vice-chairperson Bob Swain  
Kevin Carroll  
Jeffrey Cox

Michelle Morosin  
Timothy Ross  
Skip Sorich

ESTABLISH QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ANNOUNCEMENTS / PRESENTATIONS

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

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- When recognized by the Chair, please come forward to the podium and state your name and address for the record. Commission meetings are audio and video recorded, and this information is voluntary and desired for the preparation of minutes.
- Comments are to be limited to three minutes.
- All remarks shall be addressed to the Commission, as a whole, and not to any individual member thereof.
- The Commission respectfully requests that you refrain from making slanderous, profane or personal remarks against any elected official, commission and/or staff.
- Please refrain from public displays or outbursts such as unsolicited applause, comments or cheering.
- Any disruptive activities that substantially interfere with the ability of the Commission to carry out its meeting will not be permitted, and offenders will be requested to leave the meeting.
- Your participation in Commission meetings is welcome, and your courtesy will be appreciated.

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A. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A-1 Approval of Minutes from Recreation and Parks Commission meeting held on January 19, 2017  
**Staff Recommendation: Approve minutes.**
- A-2 Recreation Services Division Status Report  
**Staff Recommendation: Receive and file.**

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS – None

C. BUSINESS ITEMS

- C-1 Election of Commission Chairperson and Vice Chairperson  
**Staff Recommendation: Nominate and vote to elect Chairperson and Vice Chairperson for 2017.**
- C-2 Bocce Ball Courts  
**Staff Recommendation: Discuss and make recommendations to staff concerning the possibility of adding bocce ball courts in Morro Bay.**
- C-3 Expansion of Pickleball Facilities  
**Staff Recommendation: Discuss and make recommendations to staff concerning the possibility of adding more pickleball courts in Morro Bay.**
- C-4 Recognition for Morro Bay's Founder, Franklin Riley  
**Staff Recommendation: Discuss the possibility of re-naming an existing park or installing a monument in a public space to honor Riley. Direct staff to look into feasibility.**

D. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

E. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn to the next regular Parks and Recreation Commission meeting at 6 p.m. **Thursday, April 20, 2017**, at the Veterans Memorial Building, 209 Surf Street, Morro Bay, California.

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## **MINUTES – MORRO BAY RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION**

REGULAR MEETING – **January 19, 2017**

VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING – 6 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Chair Drew Sidaris, Vice Chair Robert Swain, Commissioner Kevin Carroll, Commissioner Jeffrey Cox, Commissioner Skip Sorich, Deputy City Manager Ikani Taumoepeau, Recreation Services Division Coordinator Kirk Carmichael and Sports Supervisor Karen Sweeny.

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Al Romero, Commissioner Timothy Ross.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Sidaris called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

### **MOMENT OF SILENCE**

### **PLEDGE OF ALLIGIANCE**

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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Chair Sidaris noted that last weekend's Winter Bird Festival was a big success.

Commissioner Sorich reported that last weekend's pickleball tournament had 48 entrants, including people from other cities and states.

Kirk Carmichael introduced himself as the new Recreation Services Division Coordinator. He also introduced Ikani Taumoepeau, the new Deputy City Manager. Carmichael also acknowledged the many years of service of Commissioner Romero, whose term on the Recreation & Parks Commission ends January 31, 2017. Carmichael announced that Commissioner Romero will be replaced by Michelle Morosin, whose term begins February 1, 2017. Also, City Council Member Robert "Red" Davis is the Recreation & Parks Commission's new representative on the City Council. RPC Chair and Vice Chair will be chosen at the Commission's March 16 meeting. Also, the 28<sup>th</sup> annual Dixon's Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser is set for March 17.

**A. CONSENT CALENDAR**

<https://youtu.be/14oborAC0rw?t=6m30s>

**A-1 Approval of minutes for Recreation & Parks Commission meeting, April 21, 2016**

RECOMMENDATION: Approve minutes.

**A-2 Recreation Services Division Status Report**

RECOMMENDATION: Receive and file.

**A-3 Recreation Services Division Participation Reports**

RECOMMENDATION: Receive and file.

**A-4 Recreation Services Division Organization Chart**

RECOMMENDATION: Receive and file.

**A-5 Recreation & Parks Commission 2017 Meeting Dates**

RECOMMENDATION: Receive and file.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Swain moved to receive and file items A-1 through A-5. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cox and passed unanimously, 5-0.

**B. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None

**C. BUSINESS**

**C-1 Morro Bay Citizens Bike Committee Bicycle/Pedestrian Needs**

<https://youtu.be/14oborAC0rw?t=6m57s>

Carmichael presented a report from the Bike Committee regarding unmet bicycle and pedestrian needs for the Commission's review and comments. Commissioners said they would like to see the suggested improvements reviewed by Public Works for cost estimates and practicality, and they would like to see top priority given to improvements affecting children going to and from school and those in high-traffic areas. Carmichael said he would forward these thoughts to the City Council for inclusion in the annual goals and objectives process.

## **C-2 Recreation and Parks Commission 2016-2015 Work Plan**

<https://youtu.be/l4oborAC0rw?t=9m44s>

Carmichael asked the Commission to accept the City's 2016-17 Goals and Objectives and the Recreation & Parks Commission Work Plan for 2016-17 as background material for later discussion and action as it applies to developing a Work Plan for 2017-18. Chair Sidaris suggested having a workshop to facilitate this process. The suggestion was met with positive response from Commission members and staff.

## **C-3 Presentation of Embarcadero and Centennial Parkway Proposal**

<https://youtu.be/l4oborAC0rw?t=12m30s>

Deputy City Manager Taumoepeau gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Final Draft Design Plan for Centennial Parkway and the Embarcadero and asked for the Commission's input. He emphasized the goals of creating a better connection between the Embarcadero and downtown and creating a versatile space for large outdoor events.

Commissioners were supportive of the plan but expressed some concerns about parking, traffic circulation and access for emergency vehicles. Chair Sidaris said he'd like to see better landscaping along Morro Bay Boulevard, which would help lead visitors down to the Embarcadero. Commissioner Swain recommended widening the bike lane so it could double as emergency vehicle access.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Swain made a motion to support the Final Draft Design Plan as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sorich and passed unanimously, 5-0.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Cox made a motion to look seriously at making traffic one way on the Embarcadero between Harbor and Marina streets. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Carroll and passed unanimously, 5-0.

<https://youtu.be/l4oborAC0rw?t=47m34s>

Chairman Sidaris asked for an update from staff on current Recreation Division activity. Sports Supervisor Sweeny reported that Youth Basketball is underway, with 280 boys and girls playing on 39 teams. She noted that Girls Softball assessments are next week and that the City will not be offering T-ball this year, as it will be offered by Coast Little League. Carmichael noted that the first edition of the new Morro Bay Activity Guide was mailed out this week.

#### **D. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

<https://youtu.be/I4oborAC0rw?t=49m59s>

Commissioner Swain asked that the commission look into naming a local park after Franklin Riley, known as the founder of Morro Bay. Chair Sidaris recommended the area above Tidelands Park for a small monument recognizing the founder of the City.

Commissioner Sorich asked that the commission possibly recommend getting bocce ball courts in Morro Bay. He said there is a local bocce ball club, but they have no place to play.

Commissioner Sorich also noted the huge growth of pickleball, locally and nationwide, and asked that the commission consider expanding local pickleball facilities. He said more courts would be needed if the City wanted to host sanctioned tournaments.

Chair Sidaris directed staff to find out when the next SLO-CAPRA Commissioners Workshop is planned so that Morro Bay Recreation & Parks commissioners could attend.

Chair Sidaris also asked staff to report back on any critical park maintenance issues that the commission needs to be aware of.

#### **E. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m. to the next regular Recreation and Parks Commission meeting at 6 p.m. on **Thursday, March 16, 2017**, at the Veterans Memorial Building, 209 Surf Street, Morro Bay, California.

Recorded by:

Tiffany Porter  
Administrative Assistant



AGENDA NO: A-2

MEETING DATE: March 16, 2017

## STAFF REPORT

**TO: Recreation and Parks Commission**

**FROM: Recreation Services Division Staff**

**SUBJECT: Recreation Services Division Status Report**

**DATE: March 10, 2017**

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends Commission review the current Status Report and accept for file.

### **SUMMARY:**

The following is a brief review of the status of current Recreation Division projects and programs.

### **Estero Bay Community Radio – The Rock 97.3**

Staff can be heard on The Rock 97.3 every Monday at 8:10 a.m. Staff is using this time to promote our programs, activities, facility rentals and special events. Staff invites various community groups that support recreational elements to join them on occasion.

### **City Website/Recreation and Parks Pages/Facebook**

Staff continues to add content and update webpages as needed, including calendar items such as program sign-up dates. The department uses the City's Facebook page to announce program registration, upcoming events and other important and interesting information as it arises.

### **Recreation Classes**

Recreation Services continues to offer a variety of classes for youths and adults, ranging from Karate and Tennis lessons to Quilting and Music Appreciation. Staff is looking at possibly adding more classes, particularly for young children. One of our former teachers is interested in returning to teach a drumming class for children during the summer.

### **Morro Bay Senior Citizens Inc. (MBSCI)**

Active Adults...55+ is continuing to offer services and workshops that fulfill the needs of this age group. Pickleball continues to grow in popularity, and interest in establishing bocce ball courts is being expressed. Cuesta College Emeritus classes continue to be a big hit. History, Watercolor, Drawing, Brain Functioning, Balance Workout and Art History have all been well attended this Spring. New courses will begin in June.

### **Spring Adult Softball League**

The Spring Adult Softball season will include eight games and an end-of-season tournament. Games were set to begin the week of March 13. There are three nights of play with Coed on Mondays (7 teams), Master's on Tuesdays (7 teams) and Men's on Thursdays (4 teams).

### **Estero Bay Youth Futsal**

Registration for the 2017 season of Estero Bay Youth Futsal closes Friday, March 17. Futsal is open to boys and girls in grades K-12. The season will be April-May. Futsal is a non-competitive indoor soccer program.

### **Coast Girls Softball**

Opening day for the 2017 Coast Girls Softball League was March 11. We have 8 teams of girls ages 6-14. Thank you to our team sponsors: CP Landscapes, Morro Bay Police Officers Association, Hope. Love. Play., Nardonne's Pizzeria, Winsor Construction and Linn's Restaurant. One of our teams is playing in a Sunday circuit with other all-star teams in the Central Cal Region.

### **Estero Bay Youth Basketball**

Another successful season of Basketball has wrapped up. Thank you to the Bay-Osos Kiwanis Foundation for their support of the end-of-season tournament. Congratulations to our sportsmanship winners: 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Girls—Team Medrano (LO), 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Boys—Team Coy (LO), 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Girls—Team Salgado/Makowetski (MB), and 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Boys—Team Guisto (MB).

### **Morro Bay Junior Lifeguard Program**

Dates for the 2017 Morro Bay Junior Lifeguard Program are set: JG Fast Start, June 12-23; Pool Program, June 20-23; Junior Guards Session 1, June 26-July 14; and Junior Guards Session 2, July 24-Aug 11. Registration will open April 3.

Candidates for lifeguard staff will test on March 19, with successful candidates participating in the USLA Open Water Lifeguard Academy.

### **Brian Waterbury Memorial Rock-to-Pier Run and Half Marathon**

The 2017 Rock-to-Pier Run and Half Marathon is set for July 15. Low tide is at 9:30 a.m., so the race start is set for 8:30 a.m. Registration will begin on May 1.

### **T-ball/Coach Pitch**

Los Osos Little League and Central Coast Little League merged during the off-season. As a result, Little League will be offering a T-ball option this year in Morro Bay. Those interested in T-ball should contact Coast Little League to register.

### **Kids Club Children's Center**

Kids Club is currently at full enrollment for the 2016-17 school year, with 70 Del Mar students, 24 of whom are TK/Kindergarteners in our extended Kindergarten program. Kids Club is a before- and after-school program for Del Mar Elementary students in Transitional Kindergarten through fifth grade. Kids Club is located on the Del Mar Elementary School campus and is open every day school is in session for before- and after-school enrichment.

Registration is now under way for children who will be entering Kindergarten or Transitional Kindergarten in the fall. Registration for children who will be in grades 1 through 5 opens April 10. Planning for the summer Kids Camp program is going on now. We are planning a busy, exciting summer full of activities locally and field trips to further destinations. Kids Camp will run from June 19 to Aug. 11 at Del Mar Elementary. Registration will open in May.

### **Rockies – The Morro Bay Teen Center and Skate Park**

The parking lot at the Teen Center was recently resurfaced. The teens and Ed will be painting new parking lot stripes during Spring Break, The Skatepark is scheduled to be resurfaced soon – weather permitting.

Rockies Teen Center is a safe and healthy alternative for local youth. The Teen Center is open to all teens in grades 7 through 12. The Skate Park is open to all ages, and helmets are required. Rockies is open from 3 to 7 p.m. weekdays and 1 to 7 p.m. Saturdays. On an average day, 25 teens use the center daily.

The Skate Park will be hosting the Annual Monster Skate Series Competition April 22. Monster Skate Series is for skaters of all ages and skill levels. If you would like to see a great kids event, this is the one to go to. You can watch the 5-year-olds skate on skateboards that are almost bigger than they are.

### **Morro Bay Teen Action Club (TAC)**

The TAC has been very active. They hit the streets to pass out flyers for the Dixon Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser and deliver Morro Bay Activity Guides to local businesses. Teens set up tables and chairs for Bingo at the Vets Hall, as well as for Senior Citizens Dinners. They also take care of Lila Keiser Park as part of the Adopt-a-Park program. Teens will be volunteering at the Dixon Spaghetti Dinner. They will be setting up tables and decorations, bussing and restocking tables and serving food. They will also clean up and breakdown the facility after the event.

All the debris from the storm really did a number on the exterior of the Teen Center and the Skate Park, so the teens have been working daily to clean the exterior of the Teen Center. Teens are really progressing in their involvement with the Teen Center. They understand that it is their Teen Center, and they are doing what they can to maintain the building.

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AGENDA NO: C-4

MEETING DATE: March 16, 2017

## STAFF REPORT

**TO: Recreation and Parks Commission**

**DATE: March 10, 2017**

**FROM: Recreation Services Division Staff**

**SUBJECT: Recognition for City Founder Franklin Riley**

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the Commission review possible options for honoring City founder Franklin Riley and forward the Commission's recommendation to the City Council.

**Alternate recommendation:** Discuss possible choices and direct staff to do further research on feasibility of various options and report back to the Commission.

### **SUMMARY:**

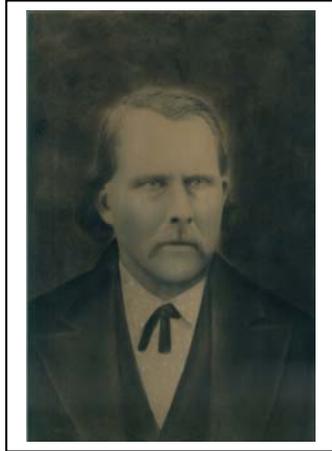
It has been suggested by citizens and by the Historical Society of Morro Bay that it would be appropriate to name an existing city park after Franklin Riley, known as the founder of Morro Bay. An alternate suggestion is that a plaque or monument to Riley be placed among the cypress trees on the bluff overlooking Tidelands Park and the harbor.

### **ATTACHMENT**

Background material from the Historical Society of Morro Bay's November 2016 newsletter, which gives biographical information about Riley and supports recognizing his contributions to the community.

## Historical Society of Morro Bay

November 2016 newsletter



Your Society is continuing discussions with the City on an idea proposed by Red Davis and others that we name a park or other area in honor of our founder, Franklin Riley.

Who was this man?

Riley was a true visionary, entrepreneur and businessman. We have not yet uncovered many details of his early years. He was in his late 40s when he discovered Morro Bay. We know he had mining interests in San Simeon and lived in Cambria for a time.

Looking for land to homestead, Riley noted that land on the bluff above our natural harbor was not included in any of the neighboring Spanish land grants. He believed in the potential for a steamer port that could serve not only the local area but also California's Central Valley. He was granted a homestead on the land that today is our downtown core. He built his own home near the corner of Morro Bay Boulevard and Main Street. He and his partners subdivided the area, laid out streets and sold lots to other pioneers. They began developing the harbor, with a large warehouse located approximately where Blue Sail Inn is now. When blowing sand became a problem for the new town, Riley imported eucalyptus seeds and planted the trees all over town.

We believe that Riley would be pleased with the city that his vision became and that we should honor his foresight.